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NOTICE!

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'PHONE 26. KEYTESVILLE, MO.

Death's Decree.

COMPTON:—Jack Compton, whose dangerous illness of scrofula of the neck was mentioned in the last issue of the COURIER, died at his home in Keytesville at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning, aged 23 years. Jack was an industrious, hard-working boy as long as he was able to perform manual labor and was for some years the main support of a widowed mother. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Alpha Ingle Monday at 11 o'clock and were followed by interment in the City cemetery. The COURIER condoles with the sorrowing widowed mother, brothers and sisters in the loss of a dutiful son and a kind-hearted brother.

VANCE:—Gilbert Estill, the bright little 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Vance of near Forest Green, died of typhoid fever and croup Sunday, November 10, 1901. Mr. Vance's family has been sorely afflicted since last August, at which time Mrs. Vance was stricken with typhoid fever, and it has since gone through his entire family, including his wife, himself, and three children, Lilah and Willie still being confined to their bed with the malady. In their trying ordeal with illness, and more particularly in the loss of their beloved baby boy, Mr. and Mrs. Vance have the tenderest sympathies of their friends and neighbors. Little Gilbert Estill's remains were laid to rest in Asbury cemetery Monday, Rev. T. H. Wearingen conducting the funeral services.

REAGER:—A peculiarly sad death occurred in Keytesville Monday afternoon, between 2 and 3 o'clock, when I. N. Reager, who had been conducting a photograph gallery in this place, died of pneumonia, superinduced from the effects of morphine he had taken with suicidal intent last Thursday night at the residence of his brother-in-law, R. D. Edwards, where Mr. Reager made his home. It was only by the hard and faithful work of Drs. B. Hughes and H. T. Garrett that the patient was resuscitated Thursday night after it was discovered that he had swallowed the deadly drug. It is a great consolation to deceased's sister, Mrs. R. D. Edwards, to know that her brother was revived, lived to repent of his attempt to take his own life and to pray fervently for the Lord's forgiveness—in fact, he died with a prayer on his lips. I. N. Reager was born in Brunswick November 19, 1861, and was, therefore, 39 years, 11 months and 22 days of age at the time of his death. He spent the greater

portion of his life in the town of his birth, where he was married to Miss Clara B. Thompson of Brunswick some 10 or 12 years ago, but Mrs. Reager was granted a divorce at the February, 1901, term of circuit court at Salisbury. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Frank P. Drace, were held at Mr. Edwards' residence Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, after which the remains were taken to Brunswick and buried in the Old City cemetery Wednesday afternoon, the Odd Fellows at Keytesville and Brunswick, of which order deceased was a member, officiating at the grave. Mr. Reager had also belonged to the Modern Woodmen and the Knights of Pythias, but had given up his membership in the two last-named organizations. We drop the tear of sympathy with the bereaved sister, Mrs. R. D. Edwards, who has been made quite ill by the sudden and untimely death of her brother of whom she was very fond. Even in his weaknesses she clung to him, and it is a source of much comfort to her to know that he died praying for her and his Maker's forgiveness, which we have every reason to believe was freely and fully granted.

Roll of Honor.

These friends have cast a beam of joy into our sanctum during the past week by their becoming new subscribers or by renewing their subscription to the COURIER. May heaven bless 'em:

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

C. F. Cox, Wm. Koehl, Walter Smith, E. M. Gilliam, Philip Henning, Mrs. Z. R. Wilhoit.

RENEWALS.

W. H. Lee, I. E. Seneker, Mrs. J. J. McFarland, Julius Meyer, Geo. S. Brooks, Malcolm Phelps, Frank Calvert, Wm. Teal, Chas. Straub, John L. Fennell, J. W. Stevenson, C. R. Furrow, Chas. Parker, P. C. Ward, R. L. Yancy, W. W. Daily.

Cupid's Capers.

BRECOUNT-SCHORR:—Clarence Brecount and Miss Cora Schorr, both of Rothville, were married in that village Sunday, November 10, 1901, Justice T. J. L. Hutcheson officiating.

ENGEL-SANDERS:—John Engel of Glasgow and Miss Ardenia Sanders of Forest Green were married Thursday, November 7, 1901, Rev. Robt. L. Falke of near Forest Green sealing the nuptial vows.

Baptist Bazar.

The ladies of Keytesville Baptist church will give a bazar in Signal building Thursday, Nov. 21.

Fish pond for children, fancy work and china table.

Dinner at 11 and supper at 5 o'clock. Come, everybody.

THE WACK-HICKERSON ELOPEMENT.

Wack Arrested at El Paso, Tex., Tuesday Night—Attended a Mexican Bull Fight Sunday.

GIRL TIRED OF HER ESCAPE.

The elopement of Jno. W. Wack of near Salisbury, who plighted his vows at the marriage altar to Miss Emma J. Hurt, a daughter of M. L. Hurt of Salisbury, December 4, 1895, and Miss Hallie Hickerson, a 17-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Hickerson of Salisbury, has been a topic of much gossip during the past week, and while the recreant husband has been severely censured, more charity is felt for the giddy girl, on account of her being so young in years, although she was unquestionably old enough to know better.

Much sympathy has been expressed for the wronged wife and for the parents of the erring Miss Hickerson, and Mrs. Wack and Mr. and Mrs. Hickerson have fully appreciated the numerous kindnesses that have been shown them by considerate and consoling friends and neighbors.



JOHN W. WACK.

Where and how the elopement of Wack and Miss Hickerson was planned is not known to the outside world, but it was carried out by Wack's hiring a livery rig from Staats & Bunnell of Salisbury to drive him and the young lady to Brunswick two weeks ago Wednesday night, where the fugitives put up at the Florence hotel, registering as man and wife, until time to take the early Wabash train, which they boarded for Kansas City Thursday morning, October 31, and went from there to El Reno, Oklahoma, where Miss Hickerson wrote back to her mother, signing herself as "Mrs. Hallie Wack," and either in that or a subsequent one claimed to have been married to Wack at El Reno.



MISS HALLIE HICKERSON.

From El Reno the elopers continued their journey to Fort Worth, Tex., where both wrote home again, Wack penning a letter to his deserted wife in

which he admitted that he had done wrong, but was all right, bade her farewell for the last time, and said that all he left behind was hers. The property he referred to, we are reliably informed, consists of four head of horses, two farm wagons and some harness, but these are little recompense for a farm or two and other property belonging to his wife that Wack had squandered.

The next heard from Wack and Miss Hickerson, after they had written from Ft. Worth, was in El Paso, Tex., where Miss Hickerson wrote to her father. They remained in El Paso, which is just over the line from Old Mexico, three or four days, where the authorities knew of their presence and that Wack was wanted in Missouri, as several telegrams were exchanged between Sheriff F. M. Veatch and the sheriff at El Paso, but for some reason the El Paso sheriff would not make the arrest, although Mr. Veatch wired that he (Veatch) held capias, and that he would mail it, which he did, but the El Paso officer would not make the arrest without what he considered the necessary papers in the case.

While the sheriff at El Paso hesitated to act, the police authorities were either less particular or more efficient, perhaps both, and the chief of police of that city wired Sheriff Veatch Tuesday night of this week that Wack had been arrested and was in jail at El Paso. Mr. Veatch left for that place Wednesday afternoon, going by the way of Kansas City.

It was reported here that Wack had deserted Miss Hickerson in El Paso, and had gone over into Old Mexico; that she afterwards joined him in the land of the Montezumas, but they again returned to El Paso and Wack was nabbed by the police and Sheriff Veatch notified of his arrest.

According to Monday's St. Louis Chronicle the elopers attended a Mexican bull fight Sunday, November 10. The El Paso correspondent of the Chronicle also states that the couple do not deny their marriage, though the young woman is already tired of the experiment and ready to return home.

John W. Wack, the man who induced Miss Hallie Hickerson to pursue the disgraceful course she has, is 29 years old, is a son of John S. Wack, deceased, of near Salisbury, at one time a prominent and extensive stock-dealer of this county, but who committed suicide on account of financial embarrassment four years ago last spring.

It is not known just how much money young Wack had when he left Salisbury, but the amount is placed at anywhere from \$150 to \$500, a part of which belonged to his wife and a part to his sister, Mrs. Ada Lusher.

It is stated on good authority that John W. Wack had remarked several times that as soon as his money was all gone he intended to do what his father had done. Had Wack remained in Old Mexico he could not have been arrested for the crime for which he is wanted here—concealment. But had he decided to commit suicide in that country he would have found that just as fatal in Old Mexico as in the United States.

Wack's case is expected to come up for trial at the November term of circuit court next week. The offense with which he is charged is punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than two nor more than five years. And if it be true that Wack was married to Miss

Hickerson at El Reno, he could also be called to account for the crime of bigamy should the Oklahoma authorities see fit to prosecute him after the state of Missouri has balanced her criminal records with the gay goose.

Miss Hickerson telegraphed her father for transportation to return home, and he wired her a ticket at El Paso the fore part of this week. She is now supposed to be on her way back to the parental roof, a sadder but wiser female.

The Criminal Calendar.

Jesse Ashley of near Guthridge Mills was arrested by Sheriff F. M. Veatch Monday on the charge of carrying concealed weapons sometime last spring. The defendant gave bond in the sum of \$100 to appear before Justice D. H. Hancock for trial Monday, December 2.

Robt. N. Baird, a railroad man, was shot and killed at Marceline Friday night by Ben Richardson, a barkeeper. Baird was drinking and had threatened to kill Richardson, in fact, had drawn his revolver for that purpose, but Richardson succeeded in shooting first, and fired five shots at Baird, three of which took effect in Baird's breast. Richardson acted clearly in self-defense, and it is not likely that he will be prosecuted. Baird is a married man.

Walter Minor and Jarvis Bennett, the lads charged with defacing an out-house in O'Bryan school district four miles northeast of Keytesville, were tried by a jury in Justice Wm. P. Jared's court in this place Monday, and acquitted of the charge against them. C. C. Cash, one of the directors of O'Bryan school, was the prosecuting witness. Such cases as these are always to be deplored, as they make more or less neighborhood strife, regardless of what the result of the trial might be.

Krum Harold and Roy Taylor, two of Keytesville's colored youths, exercised their muscles on each other in a violent manner last week, which is contrary to the city ordinance prohibiting quarreling, challenging and fighting. The combatants were gathered in by City Marshal R. H. Tisdale and escorted before his honor, Mayor R. D. Edwards, who fined each of the defendants \$1 and costs. Krum paid up and Roy is working for different parties, with whom contracts have been made by Marshal Tisdale, until he earns a sufficient amount of filthy lucre to liquidate the city's claims against him.

Dan Fuller of Marceline was lodged in the county jail at this place the fore part of this week to await trial at circuit court next week on the charge of attempted bribery. Fuller, it is alleged, undertook to bribe Fred Witherspoon, a Moberly lad, not to appear against Will Graham, who had robbed young Witherspoon of between \$40 and \$50 on board a freight train near Dalton a year ago last July. Fuller was under a bond to appear for trial at a previous term of the circuit court, but was in jail at Richmond at the time and didn't find it convenient to attend his trial here. Graham, it will be remembered, got two years in the penitentiary for robbing the Witherspoon boy.

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A. C. VANDIVER, Keytesville, Mo.